ing unemployment in the State" and the answer is "Brahmins 113, other Hindus 236, Anglo-Indians 2, all other classes 93". It does not seem to be the answer to the question. Are they all Government employees that you refer to?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—How did the Government arrive at the figures?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In the last Census certain limited figures were got and this is taken from that Report. I think in the answer itself it is stated that it is not very complete.

Age-limit—exemption.

67. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of persons who were given exemption from age-limit referred to in Rule 8 of the Cochin Standing Orders during the year 1107, and the names of those who were refused with the reason for doing so in each case ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement containing the information so far collected is appended. (*Appendix V.*)

Loans to Officers.

68. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of officers who were granted loans by the State (1) for the purchase of conveyances (2) for the construction of houses, etc., in the year 1107 and the names of the officers to whom loans were refused and the reasons for refusal in each case ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) and (2) Vide statements appended. (*Appendix VI*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the principle laid down to fix the amount of loan given to the officers? Is it according to the pay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Which loan does the Hon'ble Member mean?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Both the loans.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It depends on the pay.

Suppliers of cement, iron, girders, etc.

69. **Mr.T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of suppliers from whom purchases of cement, iron and girders, supplied departmentally by the Engineering Department of the State to the contractors under the department, were made;

(2) the quantity, price and total amount of each of the above articles purchased and the rate and the total amount of commission, if any, during the year 1107 ;

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(3) whether tenders were called for such purchases and if so, the names of the tenderers and the rates ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) Cement is purchased from:—

(a) Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Cochin.
(b) ,, Peirce Leslie & Co.
(c) ,, Sitaram Warehouse.
(d) ,, Francis Chandy & Bros.
(e) ,, S. V. Vengu Ayyar & Bros.

Iron and Girders are purchased from:—

(a) Mr. A. N. Guna Shenoi.
(b) ,, Bhanji Jeevath Khona.
(c) Messrs. Richardson & Cruddas.
(d) ,, Garlic & Co.
(e) ,, Massey & Co.

(2) It is a very laborious task to gather these particulars as these articles were supplied departmentally for almost all the works that required the same. If any work or group of works are specified, the information can be supplied.

(3) Tenders are not called for, but quotations from various Firms are obtained and generally the cheapest quotations are accepted, subject to quality.

Management of the Vivekodayam School.

70. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.:—

(1) whether the attention of the Government was drawn to a report in the 'Gomathi' Newspaper in its issue of 18th Kanni 1108 about the notice issued by the management of the Vivekodayam School, Trichur, to the teachers that they will have to work on reduced salary when the management proposes to forego the Government grant;

(2) whether there is any correspondence between the Director of Public Instruction and the Manager of the school with regard to the withdrawal of the grant; if so, what are the circumstances which have given occasion to this step ;

3. whether the claims of some teachers have been overlooked by the Manager in the appointment of Mr. C. S. Nilakanta Ayyar;

4. (a) whether copies of the staff list for the two school years 1105—1106 and 1106—1107 will be placed on the table of the House ;

(b) whether a staff list was sent for 1107—1108 and was it approved by the Director ;

(c) whether any objection was raised to the staff list and the appointment of Mr. Nilakanta Ayyar by the department;

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